

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2005. Claims 1, 22 and 25 have been amended to further particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. These claims do not include any amendments for a purpose of limiting the inventive subject matter, but rather are intended to emphasize certain aspects of the invention already set forth in the claims. Paragraph 0036.1 has been added to the specification to adequately describe the changes in claims 1 and 25. Figures 3 and 5 have been amended to identify feature "19" showing the rounded corners that join posts 18 to panels 20. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the originally filed application, e.g., Figures 1, 3, 5 and 10B. No new matter has been added.

Independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-21 and independent claim 25 and its dependent claims 26-40 are currently pending and at issue. Independent claim 22 and its dependent claims 23-24 were previously withdrawn and are subject to rejoinder.

Interview record attached
Applicants appreciate the interview with the Examiner on August 23, 2005 and the Examiner's suggestions for placing the application in a condition for allowance. Applicants have amended the application as suggested by the Examiner and therefore allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The present invention, as set forth in independent claims 1 and its dependent claims 2-21 and independent claim 25 and its dependent claims 26-40, is directed to a carafe. Independent claims 1 and 25 have been amended to recite substantially flat posts that are joined to the adjacent panels by rounded corners. None of the previously cited, applied or discussed references, either alone or in combination, disclose, teach or suggest a carafe comprising a flared neck portion having a blown finish and defining a wide-mouth and having a body construction